HOUSE FILE 229 BY CHAMBERS

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act excluding from the computation of net income military
- 2 retirement benefits of certain retired veterans and
- 3 including retroactive applicability provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 422.7, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 41. Subtract, to the extent included, the 4 amount of military retirement benefits received by a retired 5 veteran. For purposes of this subsection, "retired veteran" 6 means a person who has performed active duty military service 7 in the United States armed forces, armed forces military 8 reserve, or national guard and who performed such service for a 9 period of twenty years or more.

Sec. 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies ll retroactively to January 1, 2011, for tax years beginning on l2 or after that date.

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## EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides an exclusion from the computation of net 15 income (also known as an above-the-line deduction) for the 16 military retirement benefits received by retired veterans. 17 To qualify for the deduction, a taxpayer must have performed 18 active duty military service in the United States armed forces, 19 armed forces military reserve, or national guard and have 20 performed such service for a period of twenty years or more. 21 The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2011, for tax 22 years beginning on or after that date.

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